

Established by Cheryl Jones and her daughter Kayloni Perry, 44East specializes in home goods and gifts. Cheryl and Kayloni's shared love for crafting gifts and home decorations inspired their entrepreneurial success. With the support and encouragement of their friends and family, they opened 44East in 2017. Since then, it has developed a reputation for its exceptional service and its unique, curated array of products and home decor items. The owners take pride in supporting their local business community by sourcing one-of-a-kind and specialty products from other small businesses in the Treasure Valley and Pacific Northwest.

Like many small businesses, 44East faced an uncertain future during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Confronted with the possibility of permanent closure, Cheryl and Kayloni quickly adapted 44East's business model and began offering their products virtually through a social media campaign dubbed "Live at 5 to Survive." Soon, customers began flocking to 44East's social channels to purchase their products. "Live at 5 to Survive" did more than just ensure the continued survival of 44East; it introduced hundreds of customers to the business and resulted in a swell of new sales. Today, 44East continues to host its "Live at 5 to Survive" campaign and has since reopened its doors, instituting health safety measures to protect its customers. 44East's resourcefulness and ingenuity is a testament to Idaho's entrepreneurial spirit.

Congratulations to Cheryl, Kayloni, and all of the employees of 44East on being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for January 2021. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION ON JANUARY 25, 2021

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 36. A bill to require certain helicopters to be equipped with safety technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the "Kobe Bryant and Gianna Bryant Helicopter Safety Act".

I'm pleased to be joined today by Senators SCHUMER, BLUMENTHAL, and MARKEY in reintroducing this bill.

Nearly one year ago today, on January 26, 2020, a helicopter carrying nine Californians flew into foggy weather and crashed minutes later. Los Angeles and the world soon learned that among the crash victims were basketball legend Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna.

After the crash, we soon learned the names and stories of John, Alyssa, and Keri Altobelli; Sarah and Payton Ches-

ter; Christina Mauser; and Ara Zobayan. These were spirited friends and family members connected by their love of sport, traveling to a week-end basketball tournament.

The sudden and shocking nature of the accident touched many, and the public remembrances in Los Angeles and around the world to honor the victims are proof that their memories will not soon be forgotten.

But this tragedy is one that could have been averted. A preliminary report and investigatory documents released by the National Transportation Safety Board indicate the helicopter was flying through thick clouds and fog, yet was not equipped with a terrain awareness and warning system. This technology provides pilots with real-time, inflight warning signals and an image of surrounding terrain.

Since 2006, the National Transportation Safety Board has recommended to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that all new and existing helicopters capable of carrying six or more passengers be equipped with terrain awareness and warning system technology. However, FAA has only required these warning systems for air ambulances.

Nevertheless, this technology has become standard on new helicopters from Airbus, Bell, Leonardo, and Sikorsky since December 2018. But older helicopters remain vulnerable.

Our bill also requires crash-resistant flight data and voice recorders. Otherwise known as black boxes, this technology is important for when accidents do happen and mistakes are made. It would allow agencies like the NTSB to have a better understanding of the incident and provide more information to the FAA to prevent future accidents.

It is clear that additional steps are needed to ensure that helicopters can fly safely, both for the sake of passengers and those on the ground.

Our bill offers a common-sense approach to preventing further accidents like this one. It would simply direct the FAA to implement the NTSB's recommendations to require terrain awareness and warning systems and flight data and voice recorders on all helicopters carrying six or more passengers.

I appreciate the hard work of the National Transportation Safety Board in developing these important recommendations, and it is long past time that the FAA heeds its call.

My thoughts continue to be with the victims and their loved ones impacted by this heartbreaking accident. It is critical that Congress pass our bill swiftly to ensure that such loss of life was not in vain.

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield the floor.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with

accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-45. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Treatment for Investments in Certain Unsecured Debt Instruments of Global Systemically Important U.S. Bank Holding Companies, Certain Intermediate Holding Companies, and Global Systemically Important Foreign Banking Organizations; Total-Loss Absorbing Capacity Requirements" (RIN1557-AE38) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-46. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Licensing Amendments: Technical Correction" (RIN1557-AE71) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-47. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards" (RIN2502-AJ49) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-48. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of State, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the National Emergency Regarding Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-49. A communication from the Director of Congressional Relations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of the Comptroller's 2020 Annual Report to Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-50. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the designation for Overseas Contingency Operations/Global War on Terrorism all funding (including the rescission of funds) so designated by the Congress, pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, for the enclosed list of accounts; to the Committee on the Budget.

EC-51. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Phenol, Isopropylated Phosphate (3:1) (PIP 3:1); Regulation of Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals under TSCA Section 6(h)" (FRL No. 10018-88-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 31, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-52. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP); Regulation of Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals under TSCA Section 6(h)" (FRL No. 10018-89-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 31, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.